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Programme 9
Trade and development

1. At its 11th meeting, on 18 June 2002, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to programme 9, Trade and development, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/57/6 (Prog. 9)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the proposed revisions and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of them.

Discussion

3. Support for the programme of work and appreciation for the activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in support of the least developed countries were expressed. The view was expressed that the proposed revisions were fully in accordance with the Bangkok Declaration and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/227. However, questions were raised regarding the wording of the last sentence of the overall orientation (para. 9.1), and it was mentioned that other internationally agreed goals should have been included other than those of the United Nations Millennium Declaration. Concern was also

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expressed that the proposed revisions did not define more explicitly the responsibilities of UNCTAD as a result of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, as well as the coordination with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

4. Support was expressed to the work of UNCTAD, in particular in relation to the provision of technical assistance to developing countries, in order to support their integration into the world economy and to help them in addressing the problems associated with the globalization process.

5. The view was expressed that the reference to official development assistance in paragraph 9.1 should be deleted because UNCTAD had no mandate in that field.

6. Questions were raised regarding the rationale for the proposal to delete the phrase "contribution to the graduation of least developed countries" in paragraph 9.28 since the graduation from the category of least developed countries should be the ultimate objective to be achieved. It was suggested that that proposal be reviewed.

7. It was also suggested that the strategy section be reviewed in order to be more general and to refer to the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action in its entirety. The view was expressed that the references to "relevant outcomes" of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (paras. 9.28 and 9.29) and to "relevant parts of the outcomes" (para. 9.30) were not appropriate since the programme should be implemented as a whole and not partially.

8. The view was expressed that the document could be improved by mentioning a closer coordination and cooperation with other bodies working with international trade, including the World Trade Organization, and referring to the outcomes of the Doha and Monterrey conferences.

9. The Secretariat was asked about the changes that had arisen since the Third United Nations Conference of the Least Developed Countries and their implications for the functions of UNCTAD and the coordination of work with the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General to programme 9, Trade and development, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, with the following modifications:**

Paragraph 9.1

- **In the third sentence, delete the words "the relevant aspects of" before the words "the Programme of action for the Least Developed Countries";**
- **At the end of the third sentence add the words "and the outcome of the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (Doha, 2001) and the Monterrey Consensus on financing for development (Monterrey, 2002), as approved by the General Assembly";**

– **Replace the last sentence with the following sentence: "Through the implementation of the Bangkok Plan of Action, the United Nations Millennium Declaration (General Assembly resolution 55/2) and the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (General Assembly resolution 56/95), the Brussels Programme of Action and the Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development, as approved by the General Assembly, UNCTAD would contribute to the attainment of internationally agreed goals, particularly in relation to trade, investment, debt and resource mobilization, including official development assistance, foreign direct investment and other private financial flows.";**

– **Add the following sentence after the last sentence: "The programme would enhance its operational capacities in the activities of UNCTAD aimed at supporting recipient countries, especially developing countries, and in particular the least developed countries, the landlocked developing countries and the small island developing States."**

Paragraph 9.3

Add a final sentence reading: "Supporting developing countries through the pursuit of the objectives of UNCTAD in the current and forthcoming negotiations in the World Trade Organization is a particular priority during the period of this medium-term plan".

Paragraph 9.4

Delete the third sentence ("The strategy to be followed takes into account the emphasis by Member States at the tenth session of UNCAD on the role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as the focal point for the United Nations system for least developed country issues.").

Paragraph 9.6

In the second sentence, replace the words "the focal role of UNCTAD with regard to work concerning" with the words "UNCTAD's work on".

Paragraph 9.15

Delete the indicators and substitute the text used for indicators in other subprogrammes:

"Indicators of achievement would include: (a) the timeliness, usefulness, degree of implementation and quality of the subprogramme's research and analysis programme, as measured by readership and other surveys; (b) the views of Member States on the practical value and impact on the development prospects of developing countries of policy recommendations, as expressed in the conclusions of the regular review of the work programmes undertaken by intergovernmental bodies; and (c) the degree of implementation, effectiv ess and impact of technical cooperation activities, as assessed by indicators contained in the relevant project documents."

Paragraph 9.21

In the second sentence, after the words "WTO itself", add the words "in particular the Doha work programme".

Paragraph 9.28

- **Delete the word "relevant" before the words "outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries";**
- **The phrase at the end of the paragraph should be expanded to read as follows: "and to contribute to the eventual graduation of the least developed countries by meeting objective criteria as agreed intergovernmentally".**

Paragraph 9.29

- **In subparagraph (i), insert the words "and competence" after the word "expertise";**
- **In subparagraph (iv), delete the words "the relevant" before the words "aspects of the Barbados Programme of Action".**

Paragraph 9.30

In the first sentence, delete the words "the relevant parts of the".

Legislative mandates

Add the following entry:

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Programme 10
Environment

1. At its 12th meeting, on 19 June 2002, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to programme 10, "Environment", of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/57/6 (Prog. 10)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the proposed revisions and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of these revisions.

Discussion

3. Appreciation was expressed for the proposed revisions to programme 10, in particular for the inclusion of references to the Millennium Declaration, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. It was emphasized that the strategy of the programme should cover all the elements relating to the United Nations Environment Programme contained in General Assembly resolutions 55/2, "United

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Nations Millennium Declaration", and 56/95, "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit".

4. Concern was expressed about the proposed deletion of the reference to water in paragraph 10.21 (b), of the proposed revisions and it was pointed out that explicit reference should continue to be made to it, considering the importance of this natural element.

5. It was stated that the revisions to the medium-term plan should be consistent primarily with the actual medium-term plan rather than with the results-based budgeting narrative approved in the programme budget for the 2002-2003 biennium. It was also recalled that General Assembly resolution 55/231 stipulated that expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement should be used to measure achievements of the Organization and not those of individual Member States.

6. The view was expressed that further revisions would be necessary following the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in August 2002.

7. It was stated that the perverse incentives over the environment, such as agricultural subsidies, must be avoided. The view was also expressed that environmental criteria should not be used as trade barriers.

8. The Global Reporting Initiative was commended as a voluntary initiative on natural resources.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General to programme 10, Environment, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, with the following modifications:**

Paragraph 10.3

In the last sentence, replace the word "UNEP" with the words "the mandates of UNEP".

[Insert at the end of the last sentence the words "as well as the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries (LDC III) (2001)".]

Paragraph 10.3 (c)

At the end of paragraph 10.3 (c), insert the words "paying full attention to the gender dimension".

Paragraph 10.20 (a)

Replace the words "particularly energy and water" with the words "including energy, water and biodiversity".

Paragraph 10.20 (c)

– **Add the words "the Basel Convention on Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes" after the words "Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants".**

– **Delete the words "and so on".**

Paragraph 10.20 (d)

Replace the words "the effective and integrated implementation" with the words "the effective and coordinated implementation".

Paragraph 10.20 (i)

Replace paragraph 10.20 (i) with the following "promoting cooperation between UNEP, UNCTAD and WTO within their mandates".

Paragraph 10.21 (a)

Replace paragraph 10.21 (a) with the following: "the enhanced capacity of countries, particularly developing countries, with the assistance of UNEP, to assess, to have access to and to adopt affordable environmentally sound technologies".

Paragraph 10.21 (b)

– **Retain the original wording of paragraph 10.21 (b) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1.**

– **Delete the new text for paragraph 10.21 (b).**

Paragraph 10.21 (c)

– **Retain the original wording of paragraph 10.21 (c) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1, as follows: "reduced pollution and risks for human beings and their environments", and renumber as new paragraph 10.21 (g).**

– **Delete the words "and their environmental and social performance, including the gender dimension."**

Paragraph 10.21 (d)

– **Retain the original wording of paragraph 10.21 (d) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1, as follows: "identification of means of minimizing the adverse environmental impacts of economic policy, especially trade liberalization and investment policies".**

– **Delete the new text of paragraph 10.21 (d).**

Paragraph 10.21 (e)

Replace paragraph 10.21 (e), with the following: "continuing efforts and concrete initiatives to encourage decision-makers at the national, regional and

local levels to address the economic, environmental and social aspects of sustainable development".

Paragraph 10.21 (h)

Insert a new paragraph 10.21 (h), to read, "trade and investment policies supportive of sustainable development".

Paragraph 10.22 (b)

Revise paragraph 10.22 (b) to read "the number of countries in which renewable energy, advanced fossil fuel technologies and energy efficiency, as appropriate, are introduced and used as elements of national energy policies and strategies".

Paragraph 10.22 (c)

Replace paragraph 10.22 (c) with the following: "the number of companies voluntarily using relevant guidelines, including the use of the Global Reporting Initiative Guidelines to report on their use of natural resources".

Paragraph 10.22 (d)

- **Retain the original wording of paragraph 10.22 (d) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1, as follows: "the number of countries and industries commencing or strengthening programmes on awareness of and preparedness for emergencies at the local level or the equivalent and the number of companies adopting environmental management systems".**

- **Delete new text of paragraph 10.22 (d).**

Paragraph 10.22 (e)

- **Retain the original wording of paragraph 10.22 (e) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1, as follows: "the number of environmentally responsible investment patterns employed by the private sector and the development and use of environmental procedures and practices".**

- **Delete the new text in paragraph 10.22 (e).**

Paragraph 10.22 (f)

Replace paragraph 10.22 (f) with the following: "the number of countries, particularly developing countries, with the enhanced capacity to assess, to have access to and to adopt affordable environmentally sound technologies as a result of UNEP assistance."

Paragraph 10.22 (g)

Revise paragraph 10.22 (g) to read "the number of signatures/ratifications relevant to multilateral environmental agreements".

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Programme 11
Human settlements

1. At its 13th meeting, on 19 June 2002, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to programme 11, "Human settlements", of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/57/6 (Prog. 11)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the proposed revisions to programme 11 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of these revisions.

Discussion

3. Good support was expressed for the proposed revisions to the programme.

4. Explanations were sought as to how the activities carried out by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to implement the two global campaigns referred to in paragraph 11.6 of the proposed revisions (the Global Campaign for Secure Tenure and the Global Campaign on Urban Governance) related to the activities carried out by Governments. It was suggested that this relationship be spelled out in the narrative of the programme. It was further stated

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that the strategy in paragraph 11.6 (b) could be revised to include indicators for capacity-building. The view was also expressed that the indicators of achievement in paragraph 11.8 (a) could be formulated more specifically to include elements such as the social, legal and cultural orientation of Member States.

5. The view was also expressed that the wording of the objective in paragraph 11.15 should be reformulated so as to clarify that the main responsibility for implementing the principles and honouring the commitments of the Habitat Agenda rested with national Governments. It was suggested that the relationship between UN-Habitat and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS should be elaborated further.

6. The view was expressed that international resources were an important source for financing shelter and human settlements and should therefore be mentioned in paragraph 11.20. It was felt that more precise indicators of achievement would need to be developed in order to assess the impact and efficiency of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in providing financial resources for developing shelter and sustainable human settlements.

7. Queries were raised regarding the division of tasks between subprogrammes 1 and 3.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General to programme 11, Human settlements, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, with the following modifications:

Paragraph 11.1

In the third sentence, retain the words "the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), in particular the Habitat Agenda".

Paragraph 11.2

At the end of the paragraph, add the following: "Through technical cooperation, UN-Habitat will support developing countries in achieving the goals of adequate shelter for all and the development of sustainable human settlements".

Paragraph 11.3

In the second sentence, replace the words "in coordination with the programmes of, among others" with the words "in coordination with the following programmes and agencies within their respective mandates:".

Paragraph 11.4

At the beginning of the last sentence, insert the words "Adequate resources as well as".

Paragraph 11.6

– In the third sentence, after the words "organizational capacity-building", insert the words "resource mobilization".

– In the fourth sentence, replace the words "norms of secure tenure" with the words "norms of secure and legal tenure".

Paragraph 11.7

Revise the chapeau of paragraph 11.7 to read "Expected accomplishments will include the work of the secretariat of UN-Habitat to assist countries in:".

Paragraph 11.8

Revise the chapeau of paragraph 11.8 to read "Indicators of achievement will include a number of activities carried out by the secretariat of UN-Habitat to assist countries, which will be measured by:".

Paragraph 11.9

At the end of the last sentence, replace the words "at the national and local levels" with the words "at the international, national and local levels".

Paragraph 11.11 (c)

Replace the words "poverty reduction" with the words "poverty eradication".

Paragraph 11.12 (b)

– Replace the words "poverty reduction" with the words "poverty eradication".

– Replace the words "Adoption by Governments and local authorities" with the words "Adoption at the international, national and local levels".

Paragraph 11.13 (b)

Replace the words "The number of Governments" with the words "The number of international institutions and national".

Paragraph 11.13 (c)

After the words "UN-Habitat and its partners", insert the words "and the percentage of these projects and programmes".

Paragraph 11.14

In the last sentence, after the words "important feedback", insert the words "on lessons learned and best practices".

Paragraph 11.15

– Replace the words "at the national and local levels" with the words "primarily at the national level and also at the local levels".

– At the end of the paragraph, add the words "and within the legal framework of each country".

Paragraph 11.20

Throughout the paragraph, insert the words "and international" after the word "domestic".

Paragraph 11.23 (c)

Insert the words "private sector donors" before the words "and bilateral donors".

Paragraph 11.24 (b)

Replace the words "from domestic sources" with the words "through strengthening the capacity of domestic sources".

Paragraph 11.25 (b)

– Before the words "the level of", insert the words "the increase of".

– Replace the words from domestic sources" with the phrase "through strengthening the capacity of domestic sources".

Paragraph 11.25 (c)

Before the words "the level of", insert the words "the increase of".

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Programme 12
Crime prevention and criminal justice

1. At its 12th meeting, on 19 June 2002, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to programme 12, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/57/6 (Prog. 12)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the proposed revisions and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the revisions.

Discussion

3. General support for the programme was expressed. The balance between crime prevention and criminal justice was commended. As regarded terrorism, it was felt that the role of the Centre for International Crime Prevention was to provide technical assistance.

4. A view was expressed that paragraph 12.3 (f) should be brought in line with paragraph 24 (b) of General Assembly resolution 56/261 entitled "Plans of action

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for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century".

5. It was pointed out that paragraph 12.8 (c) was vague and that paragraph 12.8 (f) should have elaborated on the usefulness of the databases.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 of programme 12, Crime prevention and criminal justice, with the following modifications:

Paragraph 12.1

Replace the words "the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the road map towards its implementation" with the words "the recommendations on crime prevention of the United Nations Millennium Declaration".

Paragraph 12.3 (f)

Replace the words "and by raising public awareness" with the words "and, in cooperation with member States, by raising awareness".

Paragraph 12.3 (j)

Replace paragraph 12.3 (j) with the following: "Monitoring efforts by Member States to combat the criminal misuse of information technology".

**[*Paragraph 12.3 (n)*

After the words "the United Nations international Drug Control Programme", insert the words "and Interpol".]

Paragraph 12.3 (m)

Replace paragraph 12.3 (m) with the following: "Urging increased donor contributions to the general fund".

**[*Paragraph 12.3 (n) bis*

Replace paragraph 12.3 (n) with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 56/123, as follows: "Encouraging relevant programmes, funds and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, international financial institutions, in particular the World Bank, and regional and national funding agencies, to support the technical operational activities of the Centre".]

**[*Paragraph 12.3 (n) ter*

Replace paragraph 12.3 (n) with the following: "Pursuing increased synergy and coordination of efforts, where appropriate, with [the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as well as] relevant entities of the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank and other international funding agencies [in order to ensure that issues of crime

prevention and criminal justice, terrorism and corruption are part of their sustainable development agenda, and to promote the rule of law and to avoid duplication of effort]".]

Paragraph 12.7 (b)

Replace the words "The successful negotiation and adoption of" with the words "The successful negotiation, adoption and implementation of".

Paragraph 12.7 (e)

After the words "An enhanced level of concerted action", insert the words "measured by a more effective cooperation".

Paragraph 12.8 (c)

Replace paragraph 12.8 (c) with the following: "The degree of appreciation expressed by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption for the services provided for the negotiation of a convention against corruption".